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JULY 14
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JBSA-Fort Sam Houston opens Soldier and Family Assistance Center

By Robert Dozier
IMCOM Public Affairs

The latest of the
Army's one-stop re-
source centers for service

members and Families in
transition celebrated its
grand opening June 29
near the San Antonio Mil-
itary Medical Center on
Joint Base San Antonio-

Fort Sam Houston.

The 15,000-square-foot
SFAC offers support and
services, respite care and

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The Soldier and
Family Assistance
Center used to be
located in tight quar-
ters in the basement
of the San Antonio
Military Medical Cen-
ter. The new location
is just across from
the hospital and
boasts wide-open
office spaces, a com-
puter lab, classrooms
and child care.

Photo by
Robert Dozier

PANETTA VISITS SAMMC, CENTER FOR THE INTREPID

Defense Secretary
Leon E. Panetta
talks with Army Spc.
Kyule Reyes during
his tour of the Cen-
ter for the Intrepid
on Joint Base San
Antonio-Fort Sam
Houston, June 27.
Panetta spent the
day visiting with
wounded warriors
at the CFI and the
San Antonio Military
Medical Center,
thanking each
service member
and their families
for their service
and sacrifice. For
more photos, turn to
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Photo by
Elaine Sanchez



ARSOUTH marks end of Beyond the Horizon Honduras

By Eric R. Lucero
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Service members from
the U.S. and Honduras
joined together June 26 at
Forward Operating Base
Naco, Honduras, for the
closing ceremony for Be-
yond the Horizon Hondo-
uras 2012.

BTH Honduras 2012
is an Army South-led
exercise deploying military
engineers and medical
professionals to Honduras
for training, while provid-
ing services to rural com-
munities.

BTH is part of U.S.
Southern Command's an-

nual humanitarian and
civic assistance program.

Working closely with
host nation forces and
civilian organizations, BTH
teams participated in a
valuable training opportu-
nity and provided medical,
dental and engineering
support to the people of
Honduras.

Maj. Gen. Simeon G.
Trombitas, command-
ing general of U.S. Army
South, joined Honduran
vice minister of defense
Roberto Funes Ponce,
Honduran command-
ing general of the armed

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Photo by Eric R. Lucero

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas,
U.S. Army South commanding gen-
eral, speaks to U.S. and Honduran
service members and other attend-
ees of the closing ceremony for Be-
yond the Horizon Honduras 2012
in Naco, Honduras, June 26.

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Fire up the grill safely this summer

By Lori Newman
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Summer's here and people are firing up the grill to cook up those burgers, brats or fajitas.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, July is the peak month for grill fires.

More than half of home grill fires begin on a courtyard terrace or patio, exterior balcony or porch, and about half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

The NFPA reports gas grills constitute a higher risk, having been involved in an annual average of 6,900 home fires from 2005 to 2009, while charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in an annual average of 1,100 home fires.

Here are some tips from the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Fire Department on grilling safely:

- Grills are prohibited inside buildings or on balconies above the first floor.
- Use grills only on level surfaces in open areas away from buildings, dry leaves, brush, low-hanging trees, deck railings or other combustible materials. Be aware of windblown sparks.
- It's a good idea to keep a fire extinguisher within reach.
- Do not wear loose clothing; watch for dangling apron strings and shirt tails.
- Use long handled barbecue tools and flame retardant mitts.
- Do not leave children or pets unattended near a hot grill.
- Do not use gasoline or kerosene to start the fire.
- After using starter fluid, cap the container



and move it away from the fire.

- Do not add any type of starter fluid once the coals are burning.
- To stop flare-ups, move cooking grid up and spread out the coals.
- Allow coals to burn out completely and let ashes cool for 48 hours before disposing properly. Do not dispose of coals or ashes in dumpsters or trash receptacles.
- If you must dispose of the ashes before fully cooled, soak them com-

pletely in water before putting them in a non-combustible container.

- To dispose of the ashes, wrap in foil and put them in an empty non-combustible container.
- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles.
- Keep grill clean; do not allow grease to build up.

Common Access Card replacement notification

The Defense Manpower and Data Center recently began sending notices to military and civilian personnel to replace 64K and 72K Common Access Cards currently in their possession.

The DMDC is contacting affected personnel via email with instructions to replace their CAC regardless of the card's expiration date.

People who receive an email directing them to replace their CAC, or should they receive one in the future and they have not renewed their card within the last 60 days, follow the guidance in the email and schedule an appointment as soon as possible by logging onto <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>.

Appointments are available at all ID card facilities throughout Joint Base San Antonio.

In 2011, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston had one incident where a house resident disposed of hot coals in a dumpster, igniting a fire.

So far this year, one housing resident reported a grill fire, but the resident turned off the

valve to the gas grill and the fire was out when firefighters arrived.

"After inspecting the grill, the cause may have been excessive grease at the bottom of the grill," said Joseph Miyasaki, lead fire inspector, 502nd Civil Engineering Squadron.

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Battalion Run July 6

Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army South, will conduct a battalion run at approximately 5:30 a.m. July 6. The run route will begin at MacArthur Parade Field and continue down Stanley Road through the southern roadblock at New Braunfels and continue to Liscum Road and return to the starting point along the same route. The run will be completed no later than 6:30 a.m. and is minimal impact to early morning commuters is expected. For more information, call 808-0068.

BAMC Troop Command ceremony changes

Lt. Col. Corrina A. Dixon will relinquish command of the Troop Command, Brooke Army Medical Center, to Lt. Col. Beverly S. Scott at 8 a.m. July 6 at the Fort Sam Houston main post flagpole on Stanley Road. The inclement weather location is the Big Area Tent at 3100 Marvin R. Wood. This is a change from the originally planned date and time.

Armed Forces Voting Week

In support of the military's voting assistance program, the Secretary of Defense designated the time period from June 28 through July 7 as Armed Forces Voters Week. As part of the program, there is a continuing effort to provide voting assistance to service members and their families. There will be booths at the post exchange and commissary to assist anyone who still needs to register, needs an absentee ballot, and provide information as requested. For more information, go to <http://www.fvap.gov>.

5th Medical Recruiting Battalion Change of Command

Lt. Col. Carlene A.S. Blanding will relinquish command of the 5th Medical Recruiting Battalion to Lt. Col. Clinton W. Schreckhise at 9:30 a.m. July 11 in front of the Army Medical Department Museum.

Army Environmental Command Change of Command Ceremony

Col. Scott D. Kimmell will relinquish command of the U.S. Army Environmental Command to Col. Mark A. Lee at 9 a.m. July 11 at the Maj. Gen. Robert M. Joyce Installation Management Academy, located at Wilson and Connell Roads. Maj. Gen. Reuben D. Jones, deputy commanding general for operations at Installation Management Command, will host the ceremony. Kimmell has been USAEC com-

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MEDCOM PAO receives diversity award

By Ann Bermudez
Army Medicine Public Affairs

The Department of Defense's Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity presented the 2012 Excellence in Military Service award to Jaime Cavazos June 26 at the League of Latin American Citizens National Convention & Exposition's Opportunity Reception at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Cavazos is the chief of Army Medical Command Public Affairs, Directorate of Communications.

"I was privileged to have been nominated by the leadership to represent the U.S. Army

Medical Command in this prestigious competition," Cavazos said.

"I'm humbled at my selection as the Army's civilian to receive the 2012 Excellence in Military Service Award," Cavazos added.

"Although I've never been associated with LULAC, I am certainly aware of the organization's efforts in combating discrimination and promoting American patriotism while promoting Hispanic advancements both in the civilian and military communities."

The diversity outreach awards provide Army Medicine with an opportunity to acknowledge the exceptional manner in which Cava-

zos has performed his duties.

He has distinguished himself by promoting the tenets of civil/human rights, equal opportunity, human relations and public service, and displayed exceptional character that distinguishes him as an outstanding leader, role model, and mentor for other DOD and Army personnel.

LULAC is the largest and oldest Hispanic Organization in the United States. LULAC advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs.



Photo by Melissa E. Cavazos

Margaret Moran (left), League of Latin American Citizens national president, presents the 2012 Excellence in Military Service award to Jaime Cavazos, chief of Army Medical Command Public Affairs, at the LULAC National Convention and Exposition at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., June 26.

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forces Gen. Rene Arnaldo Osorio Canales and several others to mark the end of the four-and-a-half month long project and to recognize deserving soldiers from both nations' armies.

During the exercise, there was a daily average of approximately 250 U.S. military personnel participating, totaling more than 1,000 overall.

In cooperation with the government of Honduras, medical professionals from the U.S. provided general health care near San Pedro Sula, Honduras, and surrounding towns and villages.

Soldiers helped construct two new schools and clinics and worked on a school renovation, while more than 18,500 patients were provided medical care and veterinarians treated more than 7,000 animals.

The U.S. and Honduran military have a long-standing relationship. Army South, working with SOUTHCOM, other military services and partner nations, continue to build strong partnerships in the region by engaging with allies, building partner nation capacity and providing humanitarian assistance.

ARSOUTH Central American desk officer Maj. Jeffery Lopez agreed that the BTH Honduras offered a valuable opportunity to work side-by-side with the Honduran armed forces.

"This exercise gives our service members the chance to develop professional, working relationships with the Honduran troops," Lopez said.

For Trombitas, the ceremony offered a first-hand view of the accomplishments of the U.S. troops deployed to

BTH Honduras.

"To the members of Task Force Tropic, I want to say, job well done," Trombitas said. "The time you spent away from your families and civilian jobs was for a great cause."

"You've shown how the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage are put to use in everyday situations," Trombitas added.

As of the closing ceremony, the BTH service members, in cooperation with their host nation partners, completed construction projects at 10 different sites, to include building new medical clinics in Centro Salud Flores de Oriente, Honduras, and Centro Salud Quimistan.

The medical teams that participated in BTH were responsible for conducting two medical readiness exercises and

one dental readiness exercise.

In San Juan del Sitio, BTH medical professionals treated more than 5,200 patients in a two-week span. At the San Marcos and Petoa MEDRETE, approximately 6,000 patients were seen in two weeks.

The DENTRETE on FOB Naco, was expected to treat 1,000

Hondurans.

Trombitas left BTH impressed with both the work ethic and results displayed by the members of BTH Honduras.

"Their sacrifices have left a lasting impression on the people of Honduras, United States Southern Command and U.S. Army South," Trombitas said. "They are the best our nation has to offer."



Photo by Eric R. Lucero

Spc. Juan Michael Jimenez, assigned to the 40th Communications Company out of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., participates in a joint service color guard made up of members from the U.S. and Honduran armed forces, stands in front of the Honduran army's 3rd Infantry Battalion headquarters during the closing ceremony for Beyond the Horizon Honduras 2012 in Naco, Honduras, June 26.

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mander since May 2010.

5th Bde, Army Cadet Command Change of Command

Col. Bridget M. Rourke will relinquish command of the 5th Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command to Col. James E. Dodson at 11 a.m. July 20 at the AMEDD Museum, Building 1046, at the corner of Stanley Road and Harry Wurzbach. Ceremony will be conducted outside, reception to follow inside the museum.

FSH Thrift Shop Opens in mid-August

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area is opening a thrift shop on Fort Sam Houston in mid-August. The shop is located at 3100 Zinn, Building 1154, near the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information, call (405) 415-5606.

Veterans Retraining Assistance Program

The Department of Veteran Affairs is accepting applications for the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program. The program offers up to 12 months of training assistance to unemployed veterans. To qualify, a veteran must be at least 35 but no more than 60 years old; be unemployed; have an other than dishonorable discharge; not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program (e.g.: the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Assistance); not be in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployability; and not be enrolled in a Federal or state job training program. For more information, visit: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/vow/>. Veterans can apply at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>.

All-Day Appointments for CAC/ID Cards

The 502 Air Base Wing replaced the walk-in customer services at its main ID Card/CAC issuance facilities with an all-day appointment-only process for all military members, retirees, dependents, civil service employees and contractor customers. Appointment times are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, scheduled in 20-minute intervals. Changes to existing ID Card/CAC and DEERS services only affect the main DEERS ID Card/CAC issuance facilities at the 502nd Force Support Squadron, Building 367, Fort Sam Houston, 221-0415. Customers can schedule appointments by visiting <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/> or call to set up an appointment.

U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research hosts mathematics, science camp

By Steven Galvan
USAISR Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research hosted the Army's Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science camp for 24 middle school students from June 18 to 21 at Joint-Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Part of the Army Educational Outreach Program, GEMS is a laboratory-based camp that provides students (interns) the opportunity to participate in scientific experiments and trains them in basic laboratory skills.

GEMS was developed by the Army to offer summer educational activities for middle school students who have an interest in becoming scientists.

This was the first time the USAISR has hosted a GEMS camp since the program began in the early 1990s at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C. With the help of five college students to mentor the interns, the



Photo by Steven Galvan

GEMS mentor Andrew Benavides explains the procedures for collecting bacteria samples for "Where's the Dirtiest" activity.

institute will host three camps this summer.

Capt. Jessica Slack and Joanna Johnson, GEMS program coordinators, developed the activities they thought would be exciting for middle school students.

"Something that's more advanced than that they wouldn't have seen in their own middle schools," Slack said. "Some of the experiments that they are doing, they may not see until they are in college, or a few of them may touch on in high school.

"What we are trying

to do here is to excite middle school students about mathematics, science and engineering," Slack said. "A lot of these students are not exposed to hands-on scientific experiments. They have not seen a lab, never touched a microscope, so that's what we're providing them."

Eighth-grade student and GEMS intern Kalynn Stigger has her sights set on being a forensic scientist and hopes to work for the Air Force someday. She encourages anyone who is interested in science,

technology, engineering, or math to participate in the camp.

"I think this is a great experience," Stigger said. "It allows us to do things that are hands-on and stuff that you wouldn't do in other camps or school classes."

The activities were designed to expose interns to subjects in electricity, cardiology, blood typing, types of bacteria, DNA, surgical knots, dentistry, along with hair, fiber, and fingerprint analysis.

"We catered the experiments to what we do here at the USAISR," Slack said. "Our goal was to touch upon all facets of science and math."

"It's nothing that they should know off the top of their heads," said Andrew Benavides, a GEMS mentor who is an architect major with a minor in criminal justice at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

"They are going to learn something they may or may not already know, and they are going to learn while having fun at the same time,"

Benavides added.

The "Where's the Dirtiest?" activity was designed for the interns to work through the scientific method.

"You start with a hypothesis, make a procedure, gather data, and prove whether the hypothesis is correct based on the data," Johnson said.

The interns swabbed different objects in the building – bathroom fixtures, door knobs, cell phones, and shoes – and transferred the sample to agar plates where the bacteria could grow overnight.

If bacteria were contained in the sample and grew, the interns were able to count the bacteria the next day. The interns hypothesized as a group that the object that has the most bacteria is indeed the dirtiest. In this activity, an intern's shoe was the dirtiest.

"It's a lot of fun," Stigger said. "I like the experiments that we did and learning new things."

"It has been very rewarding," Slack said. "Seeing the smiles on the students' faces when they learn something new is great."

BINZ-ENGLEMAN GATE CLOSED JULY 7

Phase I of the City of San Antonio bridge project at Binz-Engleman is coming to a close with the official opening of the bridge set for July 24. The city and its contractor are requesting a closure of the Binz-Engleman gate July 7 to make the final asphalt tie in and striping of the roadway. This work will affect both the east and west areas where the new road connects with the existing road. The roadway will open back up July 8 with all traffic using the new roadway and bridge. The existing road and bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic henceforth, according to 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron officials.

Illustration courtesy 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron

PANETTA VISITS SAMMC, CENTER FOR THE INTREPID

(Right) Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta greets Army Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center, and Air Force Maj. Gen. Byron Hepburn, commander of the 59th Medical Wing, at the San Antonio Military Medical Center June 27. Panetta spent the day visiting with wounded warriors at the Center for the Intrepid and SAMMC, thanking each service member and their families for their service and sacrifice.

Photo by Maria Gallegos



(Left) Army Capt. Larkin O'Hern shares a laugh with Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta during the secretary's tour of the Center for the Intrepid on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston June 27.

Photo by Elaine Sanchez



Photo by Elaine Sanchez

Lt. Col. Donald Gajewski, director of the Center for the Intrepid, introduces Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta to Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jonathan Stephenson during his tour of the CFI.



Photo by Elaine Sanchez

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta talks with Army Spc. Charles Lemmon during his tour of the Center for the Intrepid June 27.

BAMC COMMANDER HOSTS GAZEBO CONCERT



Photo by Rebekah Almquist

Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center, welcomes community and military members to an Independence Day concert at the gazebo on Staff Post Road on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston July 1. The general thanked attendees for braving the heavy downpour to attend the free concert by the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own."

JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON HONORS RETIREES



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Peers, Family members, friends and loved ones gathered in the historic Quadrangle June 28 to celebrate with those retiring during the monthly Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston retirement ceremony. The June retirees are (from left): Col. Russell Livingston, U.S. Army North; Lt. Col. William McCarthy, U.S. Army Medical Command; Lt. Col. Laura Thomas, 32nd Medical Brigade; Lt. Col. Robert Evans, U.S. Army South; Lt. Col. Joe White, U.S. Army Human Resources Command; Margaret Fernandez, U.S. Army Installation Management Command-Central Region; Master Sgt. Harold Lewis, 321st Civil Affairs Brigade; Master Sgt. Terry Roberts, ARSOUTH; Sgt. 1st Class Froilan Arias, U.S. Army San Antonio Recruiting Battalion; and Staff Sgt. Robert Lemy, 264th Medical Battalion.

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470th MI Brigade Soldiers join NCO corps

By Gregory Ripps
470th MIB Public Affairs

Amid the trophies and trappings of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8541, 19 enlisted Soldiers of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade passed an important milestone in their Army careers June 22.

These Soldiers, who serve in the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company and 401st MI Company, were ceremoniously inducted into the Noncommissioned Officer Corps.

"The tradition of commemorating the passing of a Soldier to a noncommissioned officer can be traced to the army of Frederick the Great," said Sgt. 1st Class Krystal Rogers, the brigade's retention NCO, who served as narrator

for the ceremony.

"We commemorate this rite of passage as a celebration of the newly promoted joining the ranks of a professional Noncommissioned Officer Corps and emphasize and build on the pride we all share as members of such an elite corps."

502nd Mission Support Group Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Freeman addressed the assembly as guest speaker for the occasion.

"Be mindful of the fact your Army, your president and the citizens of the United States count on you to handle NCO business," he began, specifying that the important things NCOs do are train, teach, coach and mentor their Soldiers.

"What we do in garrison is absolutely critical

to what we do on the battlefield," Freeman said. "Your first mission is to be a warrior and instill in [your Soldiers] that ethos and ensure they have the equipment they need."

He told the new NCOs that, if some time in their future one of their Soldiers fell because of enemy action, they would have to look that Soldier's loved ones in the eye and truthfully say to them that that Soldier was adequately trained.

"It's too late to train when the IED [improvised explosive device] goes off," he warned.

Inducted into the Noncommissioned Officer Corps himself in 1987, Freeman said he has worn every NCO rank with pride.

"I never worried about my evaluation report or

my next job," he said. "I focused on the job I had at the time. My 'report card' took care of itself." He also advised the inductees to take care of themselves, especially to maintain their Professional Military Education.

"Thank you for what you have done and what you will do," Freeman added. "To join the Army in a time of war ... is a very brave thing."

The ceremony proceeded with all the inductees reciting the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer. When each inductee's name was announced and then introduced by his or her sponsor, he or she stepped up to the stage under crossed swords, signed the "charge" to the NCO, and received the congratulations of the senior NCOs present.



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Sgt. Sergio Calles of the 401st Military Intelligence Company, 470th MI Brigade, passes beneath crossed swords, which symbolize the authority of the noncommissioned officer, in a ceremony inducting him into the NCO Corps. Calles was one of 19 Soldiers inducted June 22 in an assembly area provided by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8541.

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activities for healing and wholeness for service members and their families as they return to the force or move into the civilian community.

The center offers direct access to 16 programs, from the Defense Financial and Accounting Service to Child, Youth and School Services.

"This facility is the culmination of a journey that started in 2008," said Frank Blakely II, Army Support Activity manager. "Our work is in response to the need to integrate and tailor resources to support our wounded warriors."

"We have more than 740 military members right now, including Navy, Marines and Air Force," Blakely said. "That's about 1,500 visitors a week, all part of the Army Family Covenant, our promise to deployed

Soldiers and wounded warriors."

"The SFAC was a critical station for me," said retired Army Master Sgt. Todd M. Nelson, guest speaker at the grand opening. "I was injured in a suicide bomb attack in Afghanistan and arrived in a town I never heard of with needs I never imagined."

In the hot San Antonio summer, SFAC offers a cool destination for warriors in transition from nearby facilities on the BAMC complex. It is adjacent to the Warrior Family Support Center.

"To the warrior, this facility is the one-stop-shop for all of their transition needs," Nelson said. "It is a more comfortable atmosphere than I had, for the laundry list of support I received."

The SFAC provides education counselors and CYSS childcare, and has plenty of room for DFAS,



Photo by Robert Dozier

(From left) Assistant Soldier and Family Assistance Center director Ron Collins, Director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs for IMCOM James Abney, retired Army Master Sgt. Todd M. Nelson, SFAC director Gabriele Dias and Army Support Activity manager Frank Blakeley cut the ribbon to officially open the new facility.

Office of Personnel Management and the Army Continuing Education System, among others.

"With this new building, we now have more space to do our job," said Jerome Studivant Jr.,

outreach program coordinator at the SFAC. "I am retired Air Force, but this is the most rewarding job I've ever had, helping out the veterans and transitioning warriors."

The SFAC is important

to many inside and outside the active duty Army, particularly veterans.

"This facility will help us in our vision to uphold America's promise to help our veterans and their families," said Hector

Villareal, Chairman and CEO of the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans.

"It's a person-to-person friendliness and a feeling that he or she is not alone that will get them the help they need."

WFSC holds barbecue for warriors, families

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
ARNORTH Public Affairs

The Warrior and Family Support Center served up a heaping helping of “Texas Barbecue” June 29.

The event, sponsored by the KENS5 news program and Head Country Bar-B-Que, is one of the many events that the WFSC holds each month for the wounded warriors and their families.

“We help to reintegrate Soldiers and their families into society through spiritual healing,” said WFSC director Judith Markelz.

The 12,500-square-foot building, completely funded through civilian donations, opened in 2008 to offer wounded warriors and their families a respite away from the rigors of recovery.

“This facility has

helped me therapeutically,” said Spc. Stephen Peterson, 8th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, out of Fort Hood.

Peterson, a combat engineer, lost his leg last year as result of an improvised-explosive device explosion in Ghazni, Afghanistan.

“I enjoy the trips they organize for us, as well as the food, this barbecue is great.”

The staff and the facility provide the wounded warriors an opportunity to relax and to be able to share their experiences.

“It was rough coming here,” said Capt. Josh Byrd, a chaplain with the 45th Infantry Brigade, Oklahoma National Guard.

“You are injured and away from your home and your family. If it wasn’t for this facility, I



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Volunteers at the Warrior Family Support Center serve wounded warriors and their family members a helping of “Texas Barbecue” June 29. The event was sponsored by KENS 5 News and Head Country Bar-B-Que.

don’t know what I would do,” Byrd said.

“This facility provides aspects of home that you don’t get from living in the barracks because

the staff treats you like family. It is a very loving environment.”

Byrd arrived at the WFSC April 4 after being injured in Iraq.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMAND HOLDS WELLNESS FAIR



Photo by GERALYN SMITH-NOAH

Janet Martin, U.S. Army Environmental Command wellness coordinator, assists Jared Bledsoe, acting branch chief of the USAEC Environmental Technology and Technical Services Division in checking out his blood pressure during the command’s Summer Wellness Fair at Building 2264 June 20. More than 350 IMCOM Soldiers and civilians got information about programs supporting the five pillars of wellness: physical, social, mental, spiritual and family.

New Air Force dental school and clinic dedicated

By Linda Frost
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

A new state-of-the-art facility dedicated to training military dentists in advanced specialties and serving as a worldwide referral center officially opened its doors at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base June 20.

During an early morning outdoor ceremony, military leaders dedicated the Air Force Post Graduate Dental School and Clinic, located adjacent to Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. More than 200 guests got a full view of the modern \$38 million building, the Air Force's flagship dental school,

The 56,000-square-foot facility, which replaces the aging MacKown Dental Clinic,

is known for its Maxillofacial Prosthetics Fellowship program, the art of creating facial prosthetics to help wounded warriors with burns and injuries, cancer or birth defects.

It also has the only stereolithography laboratory in the entire Air Force Medical Service, a three-dimensional process that makes prosthetics and implants from a computer image.

"This is a world-class facility," said Maj. Gen. Byron Hepburn, commander, 59th Medical Wing. "Our Airmen, our Soldiers, our Sailors, our Marines and their children and spouses deserve nothing less. It demonstrates our commitment to excellence.

"Most importantly, the professionals who will work here, both active

duty and civilian, will deliver high quality, compassionate care to our beneficiaries for many years to come."

The AFPDS has one of the Air Force's largest dental laboratories and produces more than \$1

million in annual workload. It has more than 5,000 square feet of laboratory space and 69 dental treatment rooms.

According to Lt. Col Jeffery Casey, director of the Senior Resident Education and Training

Program, the school also trains Army, Navy and Canadian Forces.

"It is the most advanced building for our residency education programs," Casey added.

"We train 85 percent of dental residents across the Air Force here, with six dental residencies and two fellow-

ship programs within the 59th Dental Group," said Col. Steve Taylor, commander, 59th Dental Support Squadron.

The school is a branch campus of the Uniformed Services of the University Health Sciences, dedicated to maintaining education excellence.



(From left) Airman 1st Class Chelsey Huff, Maj. Gens. Gerard Caron and Byron Hepburn and Chief Master Sgt. Richard Robinson cut the ribbon in front of the new Air Force Postgraduate Dental School and Clinic at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland June 20. The school is the Air Force flagship for dental education and specialty services. Huff is a dental assistant for the 59th Dental Training Squadron and Caron is the assistant surgeon general for Dental Services and commander of the 79th Medical Wing. Hepburn is the director of the San Antonio Military Health System and commander of the 59th Medical Wing. Robinson recently retired as the command chief of the 59th Medical Wing.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Courtney Moses

Going live: Realistic training takes the fight to the enemy

PART 1: DRUGS, MONEY, VIOLENCE

An adaptable enemy demands adaptable Soldiers and the “train like you fight” mantra has resulted in an unprecedented degree of realism in preparing for combat. This is the first installment in a series looking at the theater immersion concept introduced in 2004 by then-commanding general of First U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré.

By L.A. Shively
FSH News Leader

The twilight calm of a small Mexican village just across the Texas border is shattered by the pleas of a teenage girl hauled into the street by two armed thugs. Wrestling with her captors, she screams, “Papá! Papá! Ayúdame, ayúdame!” or “Help me!”

Forced to her knees in the middle of the street, the girl’s cries are abruptly silenced by the jolt of a bullet entering her skull.

Slumping face forward onto the gravel, she is left there for awhile, an example for other villagers defying the drug cartel’s demands. Later, the body of

the village police chief’s daughter is carried behind a building and dumped into a ravine.

Kidnapped earlier in the day, the slain girl had no idea her father, who she called to for help, had already been stopped, pulled from his vehicle, shot in the head, and then dismembered. A third villager was hanged by the neck.

Although these execution scenarios are notional events at the conclusion of a two-week exercise on Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis in June for the U.S. Army National Guard’s 71st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade; the reality of the scripted training mirrors the violence facing National Guard Soldiers at the border and abroad.



Photos by L.A. Shively

Second Lt. Victoria Hernandez screams “Papá! Papá! Ayúdame, ayúdame!” or “Help me!” as she is dragged onto the center of her village street by members of the Helotian League drug cartel. She is in character as the village police chief’s daughter and is executed and left in the street as an example to other villagers. National Guard Soldiers with the 71st Battlefield Surveillance Battalion took on the roles of members of a drug cartel or villagers in a notional scenario during their two-week annual training at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis in June.

“We have a dual mission – state and federal,” said Maj. Dwight Bryan, referring to the 215 National Guard personnel currently serving with the Texas Joint Counterdrug Task Force and those assisting communities during natural disasters, civil emergencies, and serving overseas.

“But the basis of what needs to be done in austere environments is the same,” said Bryan, commander of the 112th Service Support Company and commander of combat training, skills, and the training and evaluation section of the Texas Army National Guard, out of New Braunfels.

“There is not a whole lot of difference between insurgents

in Afghanistan and criminal insurgents in, say Honduras or South America. It’s all the same – the way they operate – narco-terrorism. We’re talking about money, drugs, weapons,” said Bryan, a Soldier with 15 years of active duty and three years of inactive duty. The major deployed twice to Iraq and once to Afghanistan.

Bryan profiled the characters and scripted the events designed to train Soldiers from units that included a Headquarters and Headquarters Company command and control element, a Charlie Troop 3-124th Cavalry Regiment-Long Range Surveillance detachment, and a multi-function team from the 636th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Adjunct training included fueling and fixing equipment, meal distribution in the field and generator instruction.

A water purification unit was used on site and teams were schooled in driving tactical vehicles. Nearly 350 Soldiers participated.

Throughout the exercise, command and control received intelligence from observers, established event relevance and formulated plans from which the brigade commander determined appropriate action.

The multi-function team trained in the classroom and then collected and processed evidence on scene, administering tactical field interrogations with high value targets.

Realism was a key factor of the training. Costumed role players adhered to detailed character profiles and villagers occupied several cement-block buildings in an urban-terrain section of the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility at JBSA-Camp Bullis.

Cartel members brandished authentic, albeit empty weapons. When the cartel invaded the village, or a notional Special Forces team captured the cartel, gas-powered AK47s roared blue flames proclaiming the advent of hostilities.

“Spanish was the language of choice for Ciudad Akbar,” said 2nd Lt. Victoria Hernandez, a platoon leader with the 636th MIB’s multi-function team. Hernandez, who role-played the village police chief’s daughter, said her captors were in character.

“They were very rough. I was



After the mock execution, 2nd Lt. Victoria Hernandez, in the character of the village police chief’s daughter, is left as an example to other villagers should they resist the Helotian League drug cartel’s demands.



Two “cabos,” or corporals with the Helotian League drug cartel detain the village police chief as a result of his efforts to cease their activities and remove them from his village. Staff Sgt. Daniel Rivera, left, threatens Spc. Aaron Villanueva while Sgt. Johnny Castillo, right, looks on.



After executing the village police chief, two “cabos” with the Helotian League drug cartel prepare for the next phase of their mission. Staff Sgt. Daniel Rivera, left, regales his fearlessness in shooting the chief while Sgt. Joseph Parra begins to cut Spc. Aaron Villanueva in the bathtub.

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FSHISD 2012-2013 Non-Resident Transfer Student Program info

By Jayne Hatten

FSHISD Associate Superintendent

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District will accept Non-Resident Transfer student applications for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year in pre-kindergarten through grade 12, and will be granted for one school year at a time, on a tuition-free basis.

Transfer decisions are made without regard to race, religion, color, gender, disability, national origin, or ancestral language.

NRT students are children of active duty military parents who do not reside on the installation in Lincoln Military Housing and have successfully completed the Non-Resident Transfer application process.

A resident student who becomes a non-resident due to a parent retiring from

military active duty or who moves out of the District is permitted to continue in attendance for the remainder of the school year and is eligible to apply for a transfer.

In a new development for the 2012-2013 school year, parents of children currently attending a FSHISD school as a NRT received an email in April which included the required documents and application.

Also, all first-time applicants for the Non-Resident Transfer Student Program have the opportunity to apply immediately.

Required information and forms are posted on the district website at <http://www.fshisd.net>. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 17.

Additionally, a parent may file at the Office of the Superintendent a request that his or her child be admitted into FSHISD schools, if the parent meets one of the fol-

lowing categories:

- Is serving on active military duty. National Guard and Reserve military members shall be considered to be serving on active military duty only if called to active military duty by order of the President of the United States.

- Is awaiting housing on the approved Fort Sam Houston Military Housing Wait List, with an approximate move-in date into available quarters within the 2012-2013 school year. If quarters are refused, the district shall initiate withdrawal of the student.

- Is employed by FSHISD.

- Has retired from active duty military service after having been assigned to a military installation in San Antonio and is employed on federal property.

All Non-Resident Transfer students need to reapply each year and meet District

eligibility criteria.

In approving transfers, the superintendent will consider availability of space and instructional staff, and the student's disciplinary history, attendance, grades, and any potential adverse effect on resident students.

The administrative regulations establishing a priority order based on the parent's military status will be followed.

First priority is given to students who meet the Non-Resident Transfer criteria and are currently enrolled as a NRT student.

Completed applications should be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent in person at the District Administration Office, located at 1902 Winans Road. For further information, call 368-8707.

For details, visit the Fort Sam Houston ISD website at <http://www.fshisd.net>.

Strep throat: Not your average sore throat

By Lt. Col. Patricia McKinney

U.S. Army Public Health Command

People often think that any painful sore throat is strep throat and that antibiotics are needed to make it better.

This belief is not true. Strep throat is an infection of the throat and tonsils caused by streptococcal bacteria. The throat gets irritated and inflamed causing a sudden, severe sore throat. Most other sore throats are caused by a virus.

Sore throats caused by a virus are also painful. People with cold-like symptoms such as a runny or stuffy nose and coughing probably do not have strep throat.

The most common symptoms of strep throat are:

- Sudden, severe sore throat.
- Pain when you swallow.
- Fever over 101 degrees Fahrenheit

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(38.3 degrees Celsius).

- Swollen tonsils and lymph nodes.

- White or yellow spots on the back of a bright red throat.

How does one get strep throat? People spread the bacteria by sneezing, coughing, shaking hands or close contact with people who are infected.

People can also pick up strep by touching objects that were touched by an infected person, (i.e., phones, doorknobs, tables) and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

How can strep throat be prevented?

To prevent infection:

- Avoid close contact with an infected individual.
- Do not share toothbrushes or eating and drinking utensils.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Strengthen the body's ability to fight off infections with a healthy diet, regular exercise, a good night's sleep and managing your stress.



Photo courtesy
<http://strep-throat.us>

- Wipe down of-
fice, home and cell
phones.

Strep throat cannot be accurately diagnosed by symptoms or by a physical exam alone. Diagnosis is made by swabbing the back of the throat for a culture to identify the presence of strep bacteria.

Sore throats should only be treated with antibiotics if the strep test is

positive. Penicillin or amoxicillin are usually the antibiotics prescribed to treat strep throat infection.

Antibiotics should be taken for the entire 10 days, even though symptoms are usually gone after a few days.

If antibiotics are not taken for the full course of treatment, the infection may reoccur and stronger antibiotics may be needed to treat the infection.

Remember strep throat is not your average sore throat. If you suspect that you may have strep throat, see your healthcare provider.

JBSA-FSH KIDS TAKE PART IN WORLD'S LARGEST SWIMMING LESSON



Photo by Kaila M. Norwood

Nearly 150 children on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston got the message loud and clear that swimming lessons save lives. The young swimmers, parents, lifeguards and instructors all jumped in the FSH Aquatic Center at 10 a.m. June 14 at the same time as children all over the world to once again break the record for the world's largest swimming lesson.



Helotian League drug cartel members are detained for further processing and questioning by Spc. Neil Marshall, one of the village policemen, who acted as a double agent, working first with the cartel and then with the National Guardsmen. National Guard Soldiers with the 71st Battlefield Surveillance Battalion took on the roles of members of a drug cartel or villagers in a notional scenario during their two-week annual training at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis in June.

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with his family in Mazatlan, Mexico, where, in 1985, his father's colleague, fellow DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was kidnapped, tortured and murdered. Parra said he was 13 and knew, even at that age, the drug problem was huge.

Parra agreed that realistic training was effective.

"It's to get a better under-

standing of what we may face," the Albuquerque, N.M. native said. "It's pretty ruthless what these guys are willing to do to get what they need."

"It gives me insight into the enemy's mind and how it works," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Rivera, a "cabo" or corporal in the cartel who kills on command.

He said his character would kill rather than be killed or

have his family killed.

The 71st BFBS sergeant who hails from Grand Prairie, Texas, did not take pleasure in his role.

"It's hard to be the bad guy – the blood, the guns, threatening somebody," Rivera said. "You have to have a whole different personality."

Rivera said he felt that some sort of psychological change must have occurred in a per-



Photos by L.A. Shively

Maj. Dwight Bryan, left, assists Sgt. Mke Ybarra, a member of the multi-function team while taking a photograph of a non-cooperative detainee, Sgt. Johnny Castillo. The multi-function team, part of the 636th Military Intelligence Battalion, trained in the classroom and then collected and processed evidence on scene, administering tactical field interrogations with high value targets during a notional scenario at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis in June. The 636th MIB participated with the 71st Battlefield Surveillance Battalion during their two-week annual training.

son who commits the violent crimes he emulated.

"To yell or point a gun at somebody – excessive force? It goes against everything we've worked for as Soldiers. It's kind of scary."

"It makes me aware of how people are manipulated in this cartel," said Sgt. Johnny Castillo, whose character believed he was justifying killing others because he was on a mission to give money to the poor.

Castillo, with the 71st BFSB who calls San Antonio home, said the training also brought his Soldiers together. "We watch and protect each other and ourselves."

"Soldiers must have tough, realistic, hands-on, repetitive training until their response is intuitive," said Honoré in 2004 at the First U.S. Army Commander's Conference in Atlanta, presenting his vision of theater-immersion training.

Honoré initially incorporated immersion training into mobilization for reserve Soldiers going into theater. Currently, it is standard for all Soldiers going into combat zones and members of law enforcement agencies.

"By the time they get down-range," Bryan said, "it's an easy transition to going live."



Man of the House

July 6, noon-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Infant Massage

July 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10-11:30 a.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-0349.

Budgeting

July 9, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Excel Level 1

July 10, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

HUGS Playgroup

July 10, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Federal Resume Writing

July 10, 9 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0516.

Unit Family Readiness Training

July 10, 10-11 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Immigration Services

July 10, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Home Buying and Selling

July 10, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

5 Love Languages for Couples

July 10 and 17, 5-7 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

PowerPoint Level 1

July 11, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Pre Deployment Planning Training

July 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Bringing Baby Home

July 11 and 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., JBSA-Lackland, call 221-0349.

Overseas Orientation

July 11, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Positive Parenting Enrichment

July 11, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Self Paced Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

July 11, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Children in the Middle

July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1, 2-4 p.m., JBSA-Lackland, call 221-0349.

PowerPoint Level 2

July 12, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

FRG/FRSA Forum

July 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Scream Free Marriage

July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Red Cross, Building 2650, call 221-0349.

Downtown Walking Tour

July 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Outdoor Movie

July 14, dusk, Dodd Field behind the Ed Parker Youth Center,

movie is "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island."

AFTB Level 1

July 18 and 19, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Dodd Chapel, call 221-0918.

Flea Market

Aug. 4, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., MacArthur Parade Field, call 221-5224.

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Fitness and Sports
Athlete of the Year

Service members participating in intramural sports programs, monthly sporting events, varsity or extramural sports are eligible for nomination as the Athlete of the Year. Activities performed

throughout the calendar year will be evaluated. An Athlete of the Year will be selected for each branch of service. Nomination packages are available at any of the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston fitness centers or online at <http://fortsammmwr.com>. The deadline for submission is Nov. 30. Call 808-5710.

Swim Lessons

Registration is underway for summer swim lessons which run through Aug. 3. The cost is \$40/child per session. Lessons are scheduled from 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. depending on age. Registration is available Monday-Friday, noon-7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Ses-

sions are Monday-Friday for two weeks and include eight days of instruction, a certificate of participation, a swim lesson T-shirt and class picture.

Catfish by the Pound

The catfish pond on Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis is open Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., the cost is \$3/pound, call 295-7529.

Sportsman Range

The sportsman range is open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis. Participants are required to provide their own equipment for the range. Cost is \$5/DOD ID card holder. Call 295-7529.

Air Force Education & Training Center

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St., call 221-2135.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period

of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

Sports Scores

For Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

Stilwell House

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam House, Inc. a 501(C)(3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

ROTC Green to Gold

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a Green to Gold Program brief on the second Monday of each month excluding training and federal holidays. Briefings will be at 2 p.m. at the Post Education

Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. For more information, call 295-2006, 295-0429, 458-5607 or 436-3415.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://power-talkinternational.com/>.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

Lost Property

If you have lost any property on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

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Retirement Planning Seminars

The Alamo Federal Executive Board is offering Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Retirement System planning seminars at the Education Services Center 20 (near Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston), 1314 Hines Avenue July 13 and 23. Sign up at <http://sanantoniofeb.org/>. Cost is \$10 and seating is limited. Call 565-1860.

Walking the Tiger's Path

A public reading and presentation by retired Staff Sgt. Paul Kendel, author of "Walking the Tiger's Path," will be held 10:30 a.m. July 15 at the San Antonio Shambhala Meditation Center, 1114 South

St. Mary's Street.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Call 658 2344 for more information.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months.

Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

Blue Star Museums Free for Military

Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,600 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel, including active Reserve and National Guard, and their families through Labor Day 2012. San Antonio attractions honoring this include The Alamo, Casa Navarro State Historic Site, Institute of Texan Cultures, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio Museum of Art, Southwest School of Art and Villa Finale. Visit <http://arts>.

gov for more details.

Morgan's Wonderland Hours Changing

Morgan's Wonderland will open earlier on most days during the 2012 summer season. The theme park will open at 9 a.m. Saturdays through Aug. 25; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, through Aug 17; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, through Aug. 26. The park is closed Mondays during July and August. Visit <http://www.Morgan-sWonderland.com>.

Quarry Farmers and Ranchers Market

Every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Quarry Market adjacent to Whole Foods Market, 255 E. Basse Rd. Some vendors offer military discounts, live entertainment and kid's activities. Visit <http://quarryfarmersmarket.com> or call 722-5077.



For Sale: 1996 Nissan Maxima four doors, white, five-speed transmission, cold AC; great gas mileage needs two repairs, \$2,400. Call 659-6741.

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of July 2

CURRENT LEVEL * = 644.1'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.



Weekly Weather Watch

	Jul 5	Jul 6	Jul 7	Jul 8	Jul 9	Jul 10
San Antonio Texas	 95° Mostly Sunny	 96° Partly Cloudy	 99° Partly Cloudy	 100° Partly Cloudy	 99° Partly Cloudy	 101° Mostly Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	 97° Sunny	 96° Sunny	 96° Sunny	 92° Sunny	 91° Sunny	 92° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

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